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To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sat, Apr 5, 2003 10:16 AM
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Subject: Stop Further Harmful Deregulation

Dear Mr. Powell,

I wish to make you aware of my concerns regarding the possible further deregulation of the public airwaves. The very fact that I hear no news regarding these further changes from the media conglomerates and must turn to PBS to be informed should be a clear indication that these corporations are putting their interest's in profit over the well-being of the citizens.

On the Bill Moyers NOW program you were shown saying how you feel the large media corporations can provide a higher quality of news. They indeed may have this 'capability', but **as** the Columbia study indicated, the smaller companies provide a higher quality. And this can be seen with one's own eyes watching all the identical pre-recorded stories showing up on the different channels.

You said you felt the public was bothered by the size of these corporations, but I respectfully disagree. What many people are concerned about is the lack of adequate information available when interest in profits significantly diminishes the quality of news.

I'm strongly against any further deregulation, and hope steps will be taken to fix the 1996 giveaway of the public airwaves.

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